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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: TAN, Z., et al.

Group Art Unit: 1731

Application No.: 10/668,387

Examiner: Jose A. Fortuna

Filed: September 23, 2003

For: CHEMICAL ACTIVATION AND REFINING OF SOUTHERN PINE KRAFT FIBERS

AMENDMENTCommissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Final Rejection Dated August 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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